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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-18 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. A version of all pending claims is found at pages 2-8. Claims 2, 19-32 have been cancelled, and claims 1 and 11 have been amended herein. Applicants' representative notes with appreciation the indication, on page 4 of the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, that claims 2 and 9-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claim 1 has been amended to comport with the Examiner's indication, and it is believed that independent claim 1 and associated dependent claims are now in condition for allowance. In addition, new claims 33-62 have been added and are believed to be in condition for allowance as they recite limitations consistent with subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

In addition, it should be noted that applicants' representative intends to file a continuation application to pursue the original and/or rejected claims.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-18 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee, *et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0161673). Reversal of this rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments, incorporating the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner, to independent claim 1.

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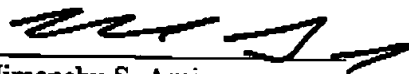
CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

A credit card payment form is filed concurrently herewith in connection with the additional claim fee of \$752 (32 additional claims totaling \$576 and 2 independent claims totaling \$176) regarding this document. In the event any additional fees may be due and/or are not covered by the credit card, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP201US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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